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Interview with Beryl Frazer
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EM: Just for the record, Beryl will you tell me your complete name?

BF: Beryl D.Frazer

EM: Could you tell me something about your parents, your background, your family history?

BF: My mother and father's name was ~~Deeda~~ DETA L. Boswell and William Lawrence Boswell. I was born here in Sebastopol on Dec. 31, just before midnight, 1917. I was an only child. I was actually born and raised within a very short distance of where we are now talking. And I lived in the old Boswell family home until I was between five and six years old and then my parents bought all the property that faces Healdsburg avenue on the corner of what is now Ellis Court. We moved there. We lived in one of the homes. There was another home on the property at the time. And several years later they built another home. Two of the homes were then used as rentals.

EM: There was quite a bit of acreage in this area, it wasn't developed the way it is now?

BF: Oh absolutely not. There was the home behind us, where the Rubenack family lived and the older home was at the top of the hill was the McKenzie place. This whole tract was known as the McKenzie tract. It can be found on the maps of Sonoma County. And there were no homes from the top of the hill clear to the railroad track. This over here was all orchard. There was a dryer at the top of the hill. There was absolutely nothing down here but orchard, trees and berries.

EM: Now the home where you were raised, or lived as a young child, was that your grandparent's home? The Boswell's?

BF: Yes, the original where I was born.

EM: And they lived in this area a long time?

BF: Yes. My grandparents came from the East in fact, but my father was born here. All of the rest of the family were born back East. They came out , my grandparents first settled in Two Rock and Two Rock at that time they raised a tremendous amount of potatoes and other crops and of course things had to get to San Francisco and so had to be hauled. Things were hauled by wagon to

Petaluma, put them on boats there and they went down the river and that's the way they were transported. And they (grandparents) came to Sebastopol and this is the property they had. My grandfather, I have a picture of he and my father as a little boy sitting up on the wagon going down through Main Street watering the street because the streets had to be watered. And they watered the streets in order to keep the dust down. But my father of course was just a little child at the time.

EM: Was your grandfather doing this in some official capacity, like road maintenance person?

BF: Yes. they had to have someone that had wagons and horses and he had a lot of wagons but that was what he was doing, hauling things to Petaluma, things that were raised in the coast area. But when they moved to Sebastopol he had wagons and horses, and in those days you had livery stables. The barn that was behind the home up there that's where the horses and wagons were kept.

EM: Now where was the Boswell family home?

BF: It was , we are Ellis Court, there (pointing East) is Cleveland. It was right at the top of the hill. I don't have any pictures of that now. It burned. The house burned many years ago. As I say, I lived there until we moved down on this corner property.

EM: What did your father do for an occupation?

BF: My father had ...how do I say this..he was ill from the time I actually remember. But he had a business, chickens, he accepted all the chickens in the country and eggs. Everybody that had chickens to sell or eggs took them to his business and he shipped chickens to San Francisco. Ducks, geese, rabbits whatever to the market down there. He had trucks that would take it. But the best way to do it was to truck them over to the railroad downtown and go by freight down. And he also would dress chickens. Because in those days there wasn't anything frozen and you didn't have ice. So people wanted fresh chickens and they would go there and pick the chicken they cared to take home and some would want to take them live and take care of them themselves. Others wanted them killed and cleaned and they would take orders for chickens and they would be picked up. And so I was very small but my father was very ill and could not continue with the business and so it was sold to William L. Garlock. Then my father, that was when we moved to this piece of property and he was unable to carry on with business but he would buy property and have rentals. He bought a rancher in Blucher Valley and had someone on the ranch. It had chickens and apples, berries and someone took care of the ranch.

EM: So that is how he earned his living? Did your mother work outside of the home?

BF: Yes he did. No, she did not work outside.

EM: Can you tell us something about your mother's side of the family? How did she arrive here? Was she born here?

BF: I can't because I know that my mother was born in San Francisco. But she was orphaned as a baby. On that side of the family I know practically nothing. She was raised by the nurse that was taking of her and what would have been my grandmother. And the father (Beryl's grandfather) had come from the East so he started East and was going to get back to his family because he apparently was devastated with what had happened (his wife's death) and the nurse was to take care of my mother until he got back. He was going to his family to make arrangements to come back out and get my mother. They got word that he was killed. And so my mother was raised by this nurse and her family. But I really don't know, she was an only child, there had been no other children of that marriage. Many, many years she was grown and she learned through a very unusual situation that she found that she had some distant relatives. But she never had any close family. On my father's side, my grandparents had lost their first child before they came out here. And then they had two daughters and a son when they came here. My father was born here. Not right in Sebastopol but outside of Sebastopol. They were living for a short while when they moved from Two Rock. They lived out in the country. They remained there until their later years then they moved to San Francisco to live with a son.

EM: Tell me something about your early years. You went to school here in town?

BF: Yes, I met Laurie. She lived across the street. We were five and six.

EM: What street did you live on?

BF: On Healdsburg Avenue and Ellis Court. So we started, you (Laurie) had already gone to kindergarten but I was ill and was not able to go to kindergarten and I didn't start until I was a bit older because of the illness but we finally ended up by both going to first grade. We went through our elementary school years together, we went through our high school years together. So we have been friends for a long time. There were times during our lives that I would be away not that you don't think of your dear friends always but many times you don't get to see them like you would like to. And Laurie had her family and I had mine. There were years in there when we didn't get to see each other.

LH: What did you do after high school?

BF: I went to college. I graduated from Burbank College of Commerce.

EM: Was that in Santa Rosa?

BF: It's no longer there. It was Luther Burbank's, it was named after him and Luther Burbank's wife is the one...., because he had already passed away. And it was held in the old home. That part is gone.

EM: How did you meet your husband , and etc.?

BF: I've already said there was an apple dryer that sat up the hill and his parents, his father, ran apple dryers. They had an apple ranch and in order to run all the dryers they had to get men with experience to do that and this dryer up here, the people who owned all that property, they owned a grocery store in town and didn't know anything about drying apples so he hired, what turned out to be my father-in-law who would come in and do the apple drying.

EM: What was the name of the people who owned the dryer?

BF: Francis. (to Laurie) Edith Francis? So they came and were up there and did the apple drying. They had three children, one being who turned out to be my husband. They had two boys and a girl. The little girl after she looked out and saw another little girl down the hill asked her mother if she could go down and play and her mother said yes and I met who turned out to be my sister-in-law and then he (George Frazer) was sent down to tell her to come home.

EM: What age was this?

B F: I was between six and seven. I had not started to school yet in Sept. And he had already been to school because they had lived elsewhere but he was going to go to grammar school here. So he was a year ahead of me when we started out. That's when we met. We went through grammar school, high school and he went off to college then came back and also became a graduate of Burbank Business College. So we had also known one another, played together you know as little ones.

EM: When did you get serious? At what age were you going to get married?

BF: I was 21. He was 22.

EM: And your husband's name was?

BF: George J. Frazer. We married in 1939. We celebrated our golden wedding. Fortunately. He was very ill and we thought possibly we were going to, right at the very end, we were going to have to cancel it, but we did get through. We had a long wonderful life. We had two grown sons and I have three grandchildren, two granddaughters and a grandson. And I have two great-grandchildren, a girl and boy.

EM: What are your son's names?

BF: Dean Frazer and Kent Frazer. They both were born, we were living in Santa Rosa at the time.

EM: Your husband worked here or did he work in Santa Rosa?

BF: He worked many places. When he got out of college, it was depression times. And he and another young man were the only ones out of the whole graduating class that had jobs to go to. And they made so much to do that they had two people in the graduating class that had jobs. That seemed to be the theme of the graduation. And so he went off and worked for a company, he was in the office, office manager, a company called Hemstreet and Bell and he worked for them. Then they wanted him to go all over in different places but he had put his name in at many places. He didn't want to travel all over. But work was work and you needed to have a job. He was very fortunate that he got called and went to work for Bank of America and he started. He was to go to Lone Pine a little place in the Southern Sierra. And the night before he was to leave it was canceled and he was told to be in Healdsburg. So he started his banking career in Healdsburg. We finally decided we were going to get married. And I'll never forget, he was living in Healdsburg. Had a roommate and had an apt. In this apt. building there was another apt. and we were going to take that and as luck would have it we had all the arrangements for our wedding, and just before they decided to transfer him. We didn't know where, and when it finally came through it was going to be Santa Rosa. So we went ahead and when he went to Santa Rosa and the first thing they did in those days was sit you down and said we understand that you're thinking about getting married. He said yes all the plans are made. And they really didn't want him to get married. They wanted him to cancel it because of making so little. And they were very upset and said right straight out do you think you can live on this and he said yes I know and they said well there's no thinking about it you have to know because they had so many problems, because of depression times, with people skimming and doing things that they didn't approve of young people getting married on what they considered a small salary because you might be tempted to take a little here or there. We both understood that but we had figured out a budget and we figured we could do it. We'd waited a long time and we figured we could do it. Anyway they were not happy. But we did go ahead and we got married. He worked in Santa Rosa for quite awhile and the war came along. Because of his age at that time, we felt he would have to go. He tried to get into the Navy. He was color blind. They would not accept him. But as we all know as time went on if you were breathing you were accepted. However when he went my parents were still alive and living here.

EM: How old was he when war came?

BF: 28 which is young. But it was getting to the point they were taking older ones. And so it was decided that there were people living in one of the rentals. They moved out and he moved me over here and he left immediately and he was gone 2-3 years. Over two years I never saw him he went to Fort Ord, had basic training and he was sent to Mississippi and then to New Jersey and straight over.

EM: What part of the military did he end up in?

BF: He was in the Army, 5th Army Headquarters. It was over two years I never saw him. He was in Europe. When he came home. When we moved over, he

transferred from Santa Rosa to Sebastopol and worked here for a short time then when he came home he went to work for Bank of America here and worked here and the next transfer was to Petaluma. There were two Banks of America it was an odd situation, in Petaluma, one right across from the other. He worked there for quite some time and commuted. The reason being we had decided to build a home and we had bought property right on this next street on the corner and when they found out they said you're going to be transferred. So we sold that property and we kept waiting and the transfer never came through and my parents had all the property from the top of the hill to the railroad tracks. We decided we're going to go ahead and build. There was nothing down here, my folks had a huge garden in this area but this was all trees and berries. No homes, nothing. We had to make the road to get down here. Our friends the Spillers, Ray and Edith, they had bought the property over the tracks and they had started to clear out and wanted to build a home there but we had to make everything in order to get trucks down here. Actually we ended the first people to live from the top of the hill.

EM: So then this street became Ellis Court? Who did it get named after?

BF: It had been named Ellis Court. Well that's another story.

EM: Well tell me it.

BF: At the top of the hill on the old McKenzie property there were some people by the name of Pollock. Mrs. Pollock had a niece, her name Adamson, just the sweetest girl Laurie and I used to play with as little girls. She would come in the summertime to be with her aunt. She spent one year here going to school. Her mother had two children already and was expecting in her later years a baby so (Herneen?) was sent here. It happens that Mr. Pollock's name was Ellis and one day we all woke up to the fact that we had an Ellis Court. He had this sign made and everybody said what happened. It wasn't called Pollock Court but Ellis. So that is how..and in those days...our city was not as it is now. We didn't have a city manager and all of these things. We had what we called city dads which we call councilmen now. They didn't know what happened either, because it was like one hand didn't know what the other hand had done.

LH: Didn't he own the Starland theatre.

BF: He didn't own it but he got some movies there. Huntley owned it. But anyway we all woke up one morning and we were on Ellis Court so that is how Ellis Court got named and it stayed that way. We all had to laugh about it at the time.

What I started to say, we went ahead and built our home, it was not complete but it was to the point where we could move in so we moved in on a weekend and it was so that we could stay here but we had a lot of things yet to do. Geor went to work on Monday morning and was transferred to Petaluma. Of course they want you to live in the city in which you're working. Well it didn't work out. We stayed and he commuted and then he was transferred to Modesto. He went

down and came home on weekends. It was right in the middle of summer and the heat there was unbelievable from here because we'd had one of those cold foggy summers and we had some problems because his father had passed away. We were trying to run the ranch. His mother had problems. He was down there. My son's were in school here and I proceeded to end up in the hospital. So here we were and I needed to go down and get a place. Well in the midst of all this he spent many months down there and we realized it was not going to be of long duration. Two years at the most and then he was to go into head office in San Francisco. In the meantime, Mr. Hod Hotle, unfortunately had become ill. He was president of the old Bank of Sonoma County. He phoned me. Geor would come home on weekends. We all knew one another because of the different banking associations and things we had to attend. And he knew that George had been transferred to Modesto. He called and asked how he was doing, how he liked it and so forth. Asked when would he be home and would he come to see him. He was out of the hospital and he was home. I said I was expecting him late Friday night. He said you have him call me on Saturday. So when George got home I told him, he said what on earth cause he had asked how he was doing and I said he was improving and he was home. So George went and saw him and he begged George to make the change and come back and work for the Bank of Sonoma County. I guess it was one of the hardest decisions we had to make because of the fact he had put in nearly 20 years with Bank of America. To give up that much seniority and he knew what his next move was to be. It's a lot to make the decision as to which way to go but because of a lot of personal things with his mother, the family and the ranch and all the other things, he finally made the decision. they really wanted him to come back and they offered him a wonderful opportunity and he finally made the decision to leave Bank of America after all those years. And came back. I had secured a place there and leased this. So had to get there and get squared away and get back and explain to the people what had happened here and my boys were needless to say very happy because you can move little ones easily but older ones it's difficult because they're already involved in so many activities and with their friends. And of course they knew this was it, what we had to do. So things had a way of working out. It really did. We were here ever since. and he worked until his retirement which he had not planned to but because of illness he had to.

EM: What area of the Bank of America did he work in? What was his position when he joined the Bank of Sonoma County.?

BF: Branches. Vice President. He always was with Bank of America in operations. That's what he always did, in accounting and running of the bank itself. He put in over 40 years. He had not planned to retire but because of illness did. The Bank of Sonoma County had three branches, Guerneville, Forestville and Sebastopol. It was hometown and you knew your customers and they knew that George was born and raised here too and that was why Hod felt if he could get George to come back they would have. ...Jack Long was Guerneville, Jack Fore was also Sebastopol and they wanted someone who had branch banking experience which Geor had had, Geor also had worked in San Francisco. He had been down many months and he would fly from

Modesto back and forth, working at head office. and that's where, had he stayed with them he was going to go work at head office. He was not looking forward to that, he was country and it would have been a wonderful opportunity but he just wasn't...but that was his expertise and you do what you're...you know. But everything had a way of working out for the best because he came back stayed here and very shortly after that his father passed away. First his father then mine. We also were taking care of my aunt and it left my mother. So it worked out that we got back here. We still had the ranch to take care of and it wasn't too long after that that his mother became ill and we sold the ranch and got her into town so things, you don't realize it at the time, but it worked out for the best that we were here.

EM: Being a banker in a small town like this did the management of the bank expect the executives to get involved in community activities? What kind of things did you do?

BF: He looked forward to a night when he could take off his tie and say I'm going to be home. Well, it wasn't only him, I think in a small town anyone who is in business this is part of it and he was an outgoing person as Laurie knows and he loved people. So it was part of his life. But you do have to belong to the different organizations and not just be a paying member but get in and help. But he belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and he was a member from the beginning to help start the Lions Club and as a veteran and we both belonged to the American Legion, I (belonged) to the Auxiliary and he was past commander of that and he belonged to the 40 & 8 Society that's the group that if you'd served in Europe and were in a certain group.

EM: 40 & 8, I've heard of that. What does the name mean?

BF: It's an odd thing, over in France there was this thing with boxcars and it has to do with that but the name is in France and translates to 40 & 8.

(Interviewer's Aside: 40 and 8 refers to "Quarante Homme/Huit Chevaux" Boxcars carrying supplies and troops to war held either 40 men or 8 horses.)

BF: So he belonged to that, he served on the elementary school board for ten years. So when you ask what did he do, well he was past president of the American Institute of Banking which took a lot of time. When I think back of a lot of the things no wonder there wasn't the time to do the things... he served on the highway commission, he served on the grand jury for two years. He was an officer of the Holy Ghost Society. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul, even after his retirement when he couldn't drive, I would drive and we both worked in that. Taking food...

EM: If you're in the Holy Ghost Society, that means you're of Portuguese ancestry? Both of your families?

BF: He was full blooded Portuguese. His father came from the Azores, Island of Corvo. His mother was born here. But was Portuguese.

LH: What was her maiden name?

BF: Cory (Correa) George's mother.

EM: It's interesting, I've read something about Portuguese immigration and it's so funny that we have this whole community of Portuguese people that ended here in Sebastopol, why?

BF: George's grandmother, where she lived, the whole area (Barlow Lane) they called it Portugee Ridge. On both sides down the road were Portuguese people. The grandmother had her home there. But now the homes (families) are gone and everything is so different. There were a lot of Portuguese here but a lot of the old timers have passed on and their children have married or moved away, so you lose, but there are still amazingly the Holy Ghost Society that has the hall, on Mill Station Rd. Geor was a member and officer of that and they have their celebration in June.

EM: I don't hear much about that is it still going on, the Queen and festivities?

BF: Yes, Sebastopol has an active organization not as active as it used to be because unfortunately, but I think all organizations, lodges and all are having a difficult time. The older people become ill, they can't drive or already gone, the younger people are not helping and say we're working and we can't ...it's just a different way of life. But they had these celebrations. Petaluma has their Society yet. Sausalito, San Rafael, Benecia. There are a good many that are still carrying on. How long it will be I don't know. Older people are not able to keep going with this. He belonged to the Cabrillo Club, another organization that had to do with people of Portuguese descent.

EM: Do you know about this group UPEC.? What do the initials stand for. Something to do with people of Portuguese ancestry?

BF: Sorry it doesn't ring a bell with me, there are several different societies where there are groups of Portuguese people. But not every town or village, whatever, has the same organization. So no I'm familiar with that. George in applying for bank jobs/transfers said he was of Portuguese descent and they said wonderful because they wanted to send him to Half Moon Bay. There were a lot of Portuguese people in Half Moon Bay. He didn't speak but understood a lot more than he could speak. The reason being his father, when he came to this county. He did not speak English he was a young man just turned 17. Unfortunately, but this happened. He knew about three words in English and they weren't the words you should know, he'd heard people (makes motion signifying rejection?) O.K. Now he learned to speak English. He had an accent but bless his heart, he learned to speak. When you talked with him one on one you didn't notice the accent. And he did really well, but when you had to speak to him on the phone you picked it up immediately. And it's so true on the phone you will pick up an accent. But his mother was born here on the ridge, she was unable to speak English when she went to school. (cause they only spoke

Portuguese at home) Everybody spoke Portuguese. Geor wished that... and what happened, his father, he was so proud that he could speak English when they didn't want the children to know something then it would come out, however, he said "when you're in America you speak American", he didn't say English. And Geor really regretted it that they didn't continue so that... now Ivy his sister, went back to Portugal and got to go to the island. She does quite well because she stayed with the grandmother as a child so much that she picked up. She says she is forgetting it now because there are so few people to be able to talk.

EM: Over the years of getting to know your in-laws, did they ever say why they or their parents found out about Sonoma County and how they ended up here?

BF: Oh I know how it was with my father-in-law, he was born in this very small island of Corvo. (Azores Islands) He was the oldest of the family. His father was a whaling captain and would leave the family on this little tiny island and go off and come back and would go off for months and months at a time. The U.S. at that time, you could make your family American citizens for so much gold. My husband and I, my sister-in-law and brother-in-law went back and this was in New Bedford, MA. There are a tremendous amount of Portuguese in New Bedford. They settled there, that's where the boats would come in. And we went to the place where his father walked up and made his children citizens. My father-in-law got to a certain age, he was going to come out and make money. Because on this island there is nothing. He was going to make some money go back and take care of his mother, he was very close. When the father would leave he'd always say Jose you're the man of the house. So he was going to go back and try to have some money to take back. He got out here, he had an uncle that was down in Redwood City and they knew he was coming. They had a huge dairy down there. So he was to go and work there. That's where he went, from there, there were relatives up here. The Valentines, the Avelars, the Cordozas ..those are all relatives of my husband. And they were relatives of his mother, George's father's side and then on his mother's side there were these other relatives. So that's why the grandfather came up here I mean my father-in-law.

EM: I would imagine a lot of the Portuguese community is related. The word got passed around that this is a great place to farm or ...

BF:Yes, one relative would be here and they would say, well come, we can get work.. so that's what happened. That's what happened on Barlow Lane. They had people that maybe came from the same island or spoke the language. This meant so much to people. You figure if we were going to another country and there was someone say from Wisconsin well or if you spoke English you'd stay there.

LH: Like the Italians who settled in Occidental.

BF: I'm sure this is what happened here too. Of course, they usually are Catholics. There was a Catholic Church here. And that brought (Portuguese

people), they got together and had their own Society, the Holy Ghost Society and you can see what happened. But its dying out, so many of the families, the grandchildren now have married out of the Portuguese community and name changes and all the rest of it. It's really changed.

EM: Beryl, you were probably very busy, with your husband's career and raising your children, but were there some special things you did in your life, outside activities, home activities that you think were unusual. We talked about gardening.

BF: Yes, I love to be outdoors and I love to garden. I was busy with a lot of outside activities in the fact that belonging to different organizations. Went through the chairs, and everything, the American Legion auxiliary. I used to volunteer a lot of time over at Yountville in Napa County, at the hospital for veterans. Also at the hospital at Mare Island. There would be a group of us, not just me. Then I was very involved with the schools. We had Parent Teachers, I was past president of the Parent Teachers Association for the grammar school. Also high school. and I was involved. My two sons attended Santa Rosa Jr. College and I involved with the mother's club there. Years and years ago I had a gift shop for awhile (here in town) that was before I was married (called The Gift Shop). It was a small operation.

LH: You were involved with La Gaiety. EM: What did that involve?

BF: It was a private dance club. WE met once a month. It was something that a large group of people belonged to and there would be a committee each month to provide the food and we served on the board of that I don't know how many different times. My husband and I, he had to be involved in a great many banking organizations and so we had to attend a lot of these affairs which were away from here.

EM: Like the American Bankers Assoc. conventions?

BF: Yes, we had it seemed like everytime you turned around there was something of a banking thing that you had to attend. I kept busy, it didn't seem like I had much time to sit around and be bored and wonder what to do next. We spent a lot of time, after his retirement in helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I found that to a point very worthwhile. But then there came a point when I became a tiny bit disillusioned. There were people taking advantage. I guess that's the nicest way to say it. Then you knew there were people too proud to ask or come forward or you knew there were people so pleased to get something they really needed. Then there were people trying to take advantage. So unfortunately became disillusioned. My husband never did. Bless his heart, he would say well for every one of those there are 2-3 (who need help). I realized that. (LH: And you weren't well) Well I still feel it is worthwhile but unfortunately there are people that take advantage.....

EM: To change the subject, you probably took a few vacations, I hope, with your family. Did you do any traveling?

BF: Yes, I love to travel. You don't have any "over's" and I realize that but if I did I would have just wished he would have seen fit to retire earlier while he still was able to have done a little more and we could have done more but we were very blessed and we did get to get some travelling in, for which I'm grateful. But I guess that's selfish, because many people didn't have the opportunity to do that much.

EM: Where did you go?

BF: We were able to go to Hawaii three diffferent times. My sister-in-law and brother-in-law went with us once. My husband and I went over and stayed for quite some time two different times. Then a group of us went to the Caribbean and went through the Canal then went back to the Caribbean two other times. Then to Alaska, New Zealand, that was an experience. I found myself sitting out in the jungle. On a little, tiny runway. What on earth is going on? Here we were making a hop, supposedly that's when the head of state in India was killed and we didn't know, we didn't know what on earth had happened cause we found ourselves going down in this jungle. (EM: This was in New Zealand?) No we were on our way to New Zealand. We'd left Hawaii. The stop wasn't planned. We couldn't get off and it was hotter than Hades. Finally, when we were allowed to get in the air again, then we were told the head of state had been killed and the people from New Zealand and Australia were taking off to go there and so they were not allowing any planes in so that was the reason we sat out there all that time. That was interesting. Then we made it to England, Scotland Wales and Ireland. Went back on another cruise to Mexico. With my in-laws we flew East, picked up a car and did the fall foliage. Which I want to do again. I'd go tomorrow if I could. It was unbelievable. Then my oldest son he had research and things he had to do so he took the car and went on and my husband and I flew in and met him and then we toured with him and saw quite a bit. So we did get to do some. The only thing being I enjoyed it but it was difficult. It seemed like everytime my husband would end up on a hospital somewhere. And there we would be not your own doctors and you don't know the hospital. You're in a situation that is very foreign to you and he would say I'm going to be OK. We're going to go see... It got to the point. He felt he wanted to go and of course I loved to travel but it was always a problem. It took a lot of the joy of travel out. I'm glad I did it, he wanted to do it, but it was, you were always on edge. Leona and Al went with us to London. I saw very little of London. I saw the hotel, the funny little railroad and funny little taxies going by and when I got back there I was up one more floor and saw the same view. Because it didn't work out we ended up in the hotel with a doctor and the whole thing. So it was difficult. You traveled but you did not enjoy it if you didn't have these problems. Well that's in the past. You have the good memories of the good part of it and the rest you try to put it away.